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Homicide at restaurant

On October 23, 2007, Detectives from the Riverside Police Department arrested Jude Wiscowiche (age 20) and Julie Ann McKenney (age 19) both of Riverside for the murder of Eric Means (age 20).

On Sunday October 21, 2007, at approximately 0230 hours, Jude Wiscowiche and Julie Ann McKenney were in a vehicle driven by Wiscowiche in the drive-thru of the Del Taco restaurant located at 18890 Van Buren in the city of Riverside. While in the drive-thru of the restaurant, Wiscowiche's vehicle struck the back of another vehicle that was ahead of him in the drive-thru. Both vehicles pulled forward out of the drive-thru and parked in the parking lot of the restaurant. Eric Means and the driver of the vehicle he was in exited their car to check on the damage caused by Wiscowiche's vehicle. Julie Ann McKenney exited Wiscowiche's vehicle and confronted both Eric and the female driver.

According to witnesses at the scene who were later interviewed by detectives, stated Julie Ann McKenney appeared "out of control" as she spoke with Eric Means and the female driver. During her contact with Eric, Julie Ann McKenney had assaulted Eric when he tried to take a picture of the license plate of Wiscowiche's vehicle with his camera phone. Jude Wiscowiche had exited his vehicle having seen his girlfriend (Julie) confront Eric Means about the photograph he was trying to obtain of Wiscowiche's license plate. According to witnesses at the scene, Jude Wiscowiche punched Eric Means (who did not appear to be confrontational with either Wiscowiche or McKenney) for no apparent reason in the face causing Eric to fall striking his head on the ground.

Jude Wiscowiche and Julie Ann McKenney got back into their vehicle and drove away.

Eric Means was taken to a local area hospital by family members and succumbed to his injuries on Tuesday, October 23, 2007.

Anyone with information helpful to this investigation is urged to call Riverside Police Detective Rick Cobb at (951) 353-7135 or Detective Rick Wheeler at (951) 353-7134.

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